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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Remarks

Applicant has read and considered the Office Action dated November 19, 2002. Claims 1-14 and 17-19 are pending.

In the Action, claims 1-4 and 8-14 were rejected as being unpatentable over *Nakamura* in view of *Fleischman*. The Examiner states that the *Nakamura* patent does not disclose the use of wastewater as the cooling tower water as it uses tap water. The *Fleischman* patent is cited to show that it is known in the art to utilize wastewater as the cooling tower water for economic reasons. The Examiner therefore states that the invention as a whole would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the wastewater as the makeup water, because the *Fleischman* reference discloses that such use would provide obvious economic incentives.